

Report of the July WI Evening Garden Meeting

After the recent wonderful weather, it was a relief when we finally had some real rain. However, nobody wanted the rain to spoil our evening garden meeting at 'Penrose', the home of Ros and Roger Grimes. Luckily, the rain actually held off for the two hours we strolled around the gardens, chatted with friends, played croquet on the lawn, and enjoyed wonderful the food. A strolling accordionist provided background entertainment as we admired the flowers, trees and shrubs in this most beautiful garden.



Jill Powell, President, welcomed members, partners and friends and thanked Ros and Roger for their kind hospitality, especially as they are shortly due to be leaving their lovely house, and Churt, for a new life in Devon! Ros was presented with some flowers and Jill joked that we would soon be arranging a trip to see the new garden in Devon! Sally Browne then read a short, humourous poem, entitled 'We are the WI', to introduce the committee and their helpers to the meeting.



Our next meeting is on 14th September, when we will again be in the Village Hall at 2.30pm to hear Audrey Ardern-Jones talk about 'Women Poets of WW1' and recite some of their inspiring poetry. Do join us!!

A wonderful turn-out for the Churt village fete.

Having braved the wet weather on 29th May to pick up the litter around Churt in preparation for the fete, WI volunteers were very pleased to see clear skies on Saturday 12th June for the event itself. Cakes and sandwiches began arriving at an early hour and the tables were laden with goodies by the time the fete was underway. The rota of WI helpers worked extremely well and the delicious fare ensured a steady stream of customers all afternoon.



Outside, the WI bookstall was also doing a roaring trade, with everyone stocking up on books for their summer reading! The amount raised before expenses is reported as £667 – a wonderful result I'm sure you'll agree!

THE NEXT MEETING

on 14th September 2010 at 2.30pm features

'Women Poets of WW1'

by Audrey Ardern-Jones

September competition – a favourite poem

www.churt-pc.gov.uk/wi.htm

Dates for your diary

Walking Group - *Tuesday 27th July*, 10am at the Church Green. Leader: Joan Aldrich - Kettlebury and Hankley Common. 'Never knowingly lost!'

Autumn Federation Meeting - *Monday 27th September*, Dorking Hall. Speakers include Dr Lucy Worsley - Historic Royal Palaces, and Richard Colwell - musical entertainment

Autumn Outing - *Friday 8th October* to Lambeth Palace. Details from Lena Rowe and Maureen Trotter. Sign up at the WI meeting in September!

Group Meeting - *Friday 15th October*, 2.30pm at Chiddingfold. Paulette Murray - cookery demonstration. Cost £4. A chance to win a one day cookery course at Paulette's cookery school (worth £60). Do join us, some places still available. Contact Annette Barnsdale for more details.

Visitors are most welcome at meetings